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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM IN US BY CAMBODIANS IN FRANCE

REF:1.PARIS 13940; 2. PARIS 14203; 3. PARIS 14204; 4. STATE  
105816; 5. STATE 124502

1. AS STATED IN REF 4, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT  
CAMBODIANS GENERALLY WILL BE BETTER OFF REMAINING IN FRANCE  
THAN COMING TO US AS REFUGEES. THIS BASED ON NUMBER OF  
FACTORS INCLUDING FRENCH TOLERANCE TOWARD INDOCHINA REFUGEES,  
FACT THAT MOST CAMBODIANS SPEAK FRENCH AND THAT MANY HAVE  
BEEN IN FRANCE LONG TIME. THUS THEY SHOULD BE INTEGRATED  
INTO FRENCH SOCIETY, INCLUDING WELFARE SYSTEM, MORE  
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READILY THAN INTO US,

2. MOREOVER, AS POINTED OUT REF 4, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT  
PAROLE CAMBODIANS IN FRANCE INTO US BECAUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL

VIEWS THAT THEY SHOULD FIRST SEEK INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE  
SETTLE IN THIRD COUNTRIES AND ONLY BE CONSIDERED FOR  
ADMISSION INTO US IF THEY FACE FORCIBLE EXPULSION.

3. NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE A FEW FACTORS WHICH WEIGH IN  
FAVOR OF GRANTING PAROLE TO SOME CAMBODIANS IN FRANCE SUCH  
AS ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH, EDUCATION IN US, AND RELATIVES  
IN US, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE US CITIZENS, RESIDENT ALIENS  
OR IN THE REFUGEE PIPELINE. ANOTHER FACTOR IS LEGITIMATE  
CONCERN FOR THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY.

4. CHENG HENG WAS PAROLED INTO US IN LARGE PART BECAUSE  
HE EXPRESSED FEARS ABOUT HIS SAFETY AND HE HAD RELATIVES  
HERE. WE RECOGNIZE POINT IN REFTEL 3 THAT HIS ADMISSION  
SETS PRECEDENT WHICH OTHER CAMBODIANS WILL NOW SEEK TO  
FOLLOW. NEVERTHELESS, UNLESS ONE OR MORE OF FACTORS  
MENTIONED PARA 3 ABOVE ARE RELEVANT, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE  
POINT OUT TO CAMBODIANS IN FRANCE OUR VIEW THAT THEIR  
RESETTLEMENT WILL BE EASIER IF THEY REMAIN THERE THAN IF  
THEY SEEK ASYLUM IN US.

5. IN CASE OF SIRIK MATAK RELATIVES REFTEL 2, WE HAVE NO  
INFORMATION RE ANY PREVIOUS ASSURANCES GIVEN SIRIK MATAK  
AND FAMILY. WE ARE NOW DRAFTING REPLIES TO LETTERS TO  
PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY WHICH ATTEMPT TO PUT DOWN  
GENTLY THEIR HOPES FOR ADMISSION TO US. NOTE FROM REFTEL  
THAT MADAME SIRIK MATAK AND ESSARO BOTH WEIGHING  
DECISION WHETHER TO SETTLE IN FRANCE OR US, AND YOU  
SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEM AS WELL AS KY SOTH TO OPT FOR  
FORMER.

6. CASE OF SONN VOEUNSAI REF 3 DIFFERS IN HIS FAVOR  
BOTH BECAUSE HE BELIEVES HE IS THREATENED AND ALSO  
BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND HIS WIFE'S DAUGHTER IS AMCIT.  
REQUEST YOUR COMMENT ON WHETHER HE IS IN FACT IN DANGER  
AND WHETHER HE HAS REQUESTED PROTECTION FROM FRENCH AND  
WHAT THEIR RESPONSE HAS BEEN. KISSINGER  
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